

NOTES ON *VICELVA* MOORE
AND LEGNER WITH NEW SYNONYMY
(COLEOPTERA: STAPHYLINIDAE)

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Alfred F. Newton, Jr., has kindly called to my attention that *Vicelva paradoxica* Moore and Legner (Canadian Ent. 105:36) was previously described under the name *Coprophilus vandykei* Hatch (beetles of the Pacific Northwest, 2:90). *Vicelva paradoxica* was placed in Phloeocharinae whereas *Coprophilus* is in Oxytelinae. Newton, who dissected a female specimen in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, gives (in litt.) the following reasons for believing that it belongs in Phloeocharinae: "1) the female genital segment is virtually identical to that of *Charhyphus* as illustrated for that genus by L. Herman in his revision, without the glandular openings characteristic of Oxytelinae, and 2) the raised areas on terga IV and V are in the same position as the cuticular processes of *Phloeocharis*, *Ecbletis* and *Charhyphus*. . . ." In the original description of *Vicelva* attention was called to the fact that it lacked a second sternite. The presence of a second sternite is characteristic of members of Oxytelinae. This species is not a *Coprophilus*; it should at present be placed in Phloeocharinae. In consequence, the following synonymy is in order:

Vicelva Moore and Legner
vandykei Hatch

= *paradoxica* Moore & Legner, **New Synonym**

The specimen in the collection of the Museum of Comparative Zoology is from "Alder Creek, Hood Loop, Oregon., VII-8-27, Darl." which is a new state record for the species, previously known only from Washington.

